

House Resolution 2227

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Kaiser of the 59th, Ashe of the 56th, and Jones of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gerard Robinson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerard Robinson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
3 the vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment
4 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson earned an associate's degree from El Camino Community
6 College, a bachelor's degree from Howard University, and a master's degree in education
7 from Harvard University; and

8 WHEREAS, he has helped to provide countless Georgia students with more educational
9 options through his work as a founding member of KIPP STRIVE and his service on the
10 Georgia Charter School Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson has served as president of the Black Alliance for Educational
12 Options, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports parental choice to
13 empower families and increase quality educational options for black children; and

14 WHEREAS, he has served as a senior research associate for the School Choice
15 Demonstration Project at the University of Arkansas and a senior fellow at the Institute for
16 the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, where he assisted efforts to reform
17 Milwaukee's private and public school choice programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson participated on the Wisconsin team that worked with the National
19 Association of Charter School Authorizers on a project that resulted in the publication of
20 *Quality Charter School Authorizing in Wisconsin: Authorizer and Charter School*
21 *Accountability Under No Child Left Behind*; and

22 WHEREAS, he is an active board member for the Policy Advisory Council at the National
23 Alliance for Public Charter Schools, the Georgia Charter School Commission, the Georgia
24 GOAL Scholarship Program, the Advisory Committee for the Program on Education Policy
25 and Governance at Harvard University, and the United States Department of Education's
26 National Charter School Resource Center; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's work has enriched and improved the lives of countless future
28 leaders, and he has recently been appointed as Virginia Superintendent of Education; and

29 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
30 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
31 of this outstanding individual.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Mr. Gerard Robinson for his
34 sacrifice, foresight, accomplishments, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia;
35 recognize the positive influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young
36 people in this state; and extend to him best wishes for continued success in his new position.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Gerard Robinson.